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NAVY 3	On August 18, Lyman Max HARDY*, a young Canadian Mormon mission ry now living in Marseille, called on me to say that a pro-American acquaintance of his (whose name he obviously felt unable to divulge) wanted me to have the following information regarding traffic in French arms being supplied to the Viet Cong via Cambodia: Count Misal LETO, an Italian engineer residing at 8 via Zuccoli, Milano, is engaged in this traffic and has made several trips to Cambodia for this purpose. The Count ostensibly was making these trips on behalf of "Cummins Diesel" (quite likely the Zurich subsidiary of Gummins Engine Co., Inc. of Columbus, Indiana.) In response to my questions, Hardy said he had no further details but added that he had every reason to believe that his source was pro-American and acting in good faith. He said the informant, who was "French or Italian", had indicated that he did not wish to be seen entering or leaving my office.		
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	It would be of interest to me to learn whether Leto has any connection with Cummins and whether we have any other information indicative of his possible implication in purveying arms to the Viet Cong.		
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